

ReMIGRA Conference - Konferenz ReMIGRA - Conferenza ReMIGRA

Where: Innsbruck (Austria)

When: June 23-25, 2022

Project: [ReMIGRA: Return Migration as an Interdisciplinary Research Area Using the Example of the South Tyrolean "Return Option"](#)



It is a pleasure to invite you to the international ReMIGRA Conference. It will take place at the University of Innsbruck, Austria, on June 23-25, 2022.

The conference is organized by the ReMIGRA-team, a joint research group from the Universities of Innsbruck, Austria, and Bolzano, Italy, that focuses on “Return Migration as an Interdisciplinary Research Area Using the Example of the South Tyrolean *Return Option*.” The conference will embrace a wide range of themes related to return migration, also termed remigration or repatriation, which is still an all too frequently neglected topic within migration studies and migration history. Remigration studies therefore address those migrant issues that concern the return of emigrants to their native countries. In fact, most migrants, forced or willing, leave with the idea that one day they will return. Only in recent years researchers have begun to examine the reasons why people return, how reintegration takes place, the factors that facilitate reinsertion in society and labor markets, the impact of return migration on local societies, and failures in the reintegration processes. Due to the lack of systematic archival collections, (historic) research on remigration, oftentimes has to deal with a wide variety of dispersed documents and document formats. This is why many researchers employ digital methods and tools to collect, organize, analyze, and visualize their findings: The approaches and development of the fields of Digital Humanities and Digital History seem critical which is why the conference will also focus on the digital aspect of return migration studies.

For these reasons the ReMIGRA-team invites scholars in the field to join the discussion and to use the conference as a networking platform for the development of the research area for and further exchange.

Topics of interest (but not limited to) are:

- Return migration as new research perspectives in migration studies
- Methods, primary sources, approaches to historical research
- Case studies throughout the 20th and 21st century and in different regions

- Digital History and return migration: how tools shape research and outcome
- Educational and dissemination (public history) approaches to remigration
- Social, cultural and economical transfer discourses

Guide for authors

The Programme Committee will consider all abstracts (max. 350 words) submitted by **28th February 2022**. Authors will be notified by the **end of March 2022**.

Conference languages are German, English or Italian, presentation slides will be in English. Unfortunately, there will be no simultaneous translation.

A publication of the results is planned.

Important Dates

Deadline for submission: 28th February 2022

Notification of acceptance: end of March 2022

Please send an email with your abstract to: verena.hechenblaikner@uibk.ac.at

The organization will try to contribute to travel and accommodation costs through the ReMIGRA project, should these not be covered by your own institution. Please note that according to the new travel guidelines of the University of Innsbruck only 2nd class public transport will be supported; flights (which will of course be the case if you come from England) will only be accepted for long distance travel and after prior notification and are subject to an additional environmental tax of 20%.

We look forward to seeing you at the ReMIGRA Conference

Sincerely,
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